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SUBJ: LABOR PROTESTS AGAINST STATE SECURITY COURT LAW

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1. DISC ORGANIZED SIT DOWN STRIKES AMONG ADANA'S MUNICIPAL WORKERS SEEM TO HAVE ENDED. GARBAGE WAS PICKED UP SEPTEMBER 21 AND BUS DRIVERS, REPORTEDLY WITH SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE POLICE, HAVE BEEN

PLYING THEIR ROUTES.

2. THOUGH ADANA GOVERNOR TUNCELREFUSED TO COMMENT TO THE PRESS, THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT, AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, THAT THE GOVERNMENT HERE MOVED FORCEFULLY (AND IT SEEMS EFFECTIVELY) TO BREAK THE STRIKE.

PAGE 2 RUFLEPA6435 C O N F I D E N T I A L

FORTY-SIX ARRESTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN ALL; HOWEVER 42 WERE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY SEPTEMBER 21 WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MAY YET FACE CHARGES UNDER ARTICLES 254 AND 255 "HINDERING THE WORK OF PARLIAMENT" AND "THREATENING THE GOVERNMENT." SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF

VIOLENCE IN ADANA.

3. I DINED SEPTEMBER 21 WITH TWO LEADING INDUSTRIALISTS WHO HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THESE EVENTS CLOSELY AND SEEMED SATISFIED WITH THE WAY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MOVING. THEY FELT THAT IF MAJOR TROUBLE DID NOT

OCCUR IN ISTANBUL AND ESPECIALLY IZMIR, THE DISK PROTEST WOULD BE EFFECTIVELY OVER.

NEITHER BELIEVED THAT AN ARREST OF THE DISC NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WOULD PROVOKE ANY ACTION OF SOLIDARITY ON THE PART OF TURK IS, SINCE HALIL TUNC "HATES" KAZIM TURKER AND HAD DENOUNCED THIS PARTICULAR STRIKE FROM THE OUTSET.

4. BOTH MEN, HOWEVER, CONSIDERED TUNC'S THREAT TO STRIKE IF THE PARLIAMENT EXEMPTS RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS AS ENTIRELY SERIOUS AND, INTERESTINGLY, EXPRESSED INTELLECTUAL SYMPATHY FOR TUNC'S OBJECTIVE.

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